

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)
Linda Marshall

Elder of the Month

For July: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863 (cell)

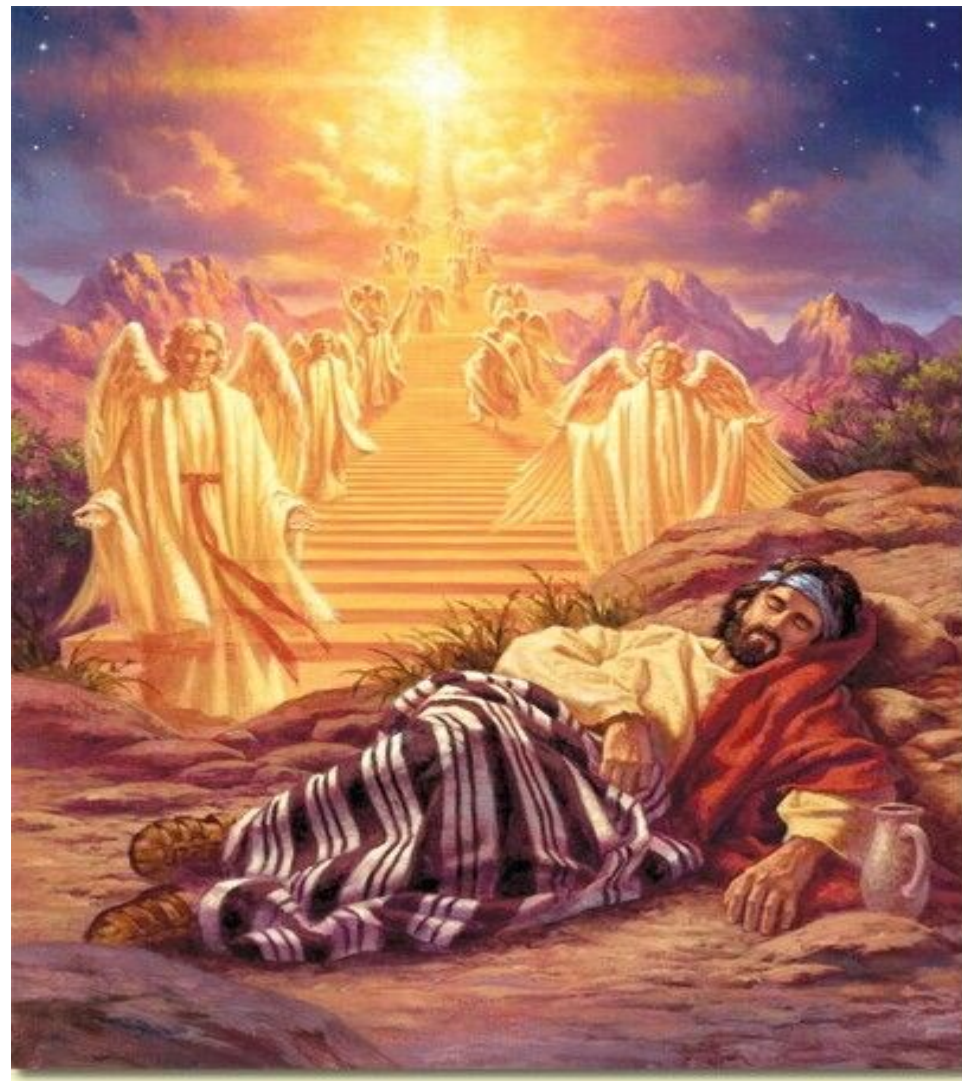
SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius



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Sunday, July 23, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

"Growing Together in Faith - Loving and Serving in the World"



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.—
Noon. For an appointment, please call the Church office.

Please note that the wearing of masks during service and singing hymns
is optional. NOTE: This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: God's Spirit gathers us.

People: We are not alone.

Leader: God's Spirit calls us.

People: We are to discern together God's will.

Leader: God's Spirit sends us.

All: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ, our Savior.

OPENING HYMN: #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you — the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: What then are we to say about these things?

All: If God is for us, who is against us?

HOT DOG ROAST AND YARD GAMES: Join us this Friday, July 28th, at 5:30 p.m. on the Church grounds for an evening of food and fellowship. Enjoy Hot Dogs and fixins', salads and desserts and then join in a game of corn hole and other yard games. We are asking attendees to bring a dessert, side dish or salad to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome. Please indicate how many are attending and what you would like to bring. Volunteers are needed to cook the hot dogs. Thank you.

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE LEMONADE STANDS: Thank you to the two Lemonade Stand teams (Linda Stenhouse, Gail West, Jackie Koch, & Tori Fowler—team 1; Bill Marshall, Linda Marshall, and Ronnie Storch—team2. Team 1 set up across from the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning (07/15) and Team 2 set up outside Holy Cross Church on Sunday morning (07/16). More than 100 people were given information on Isaiah 117, enjoyed a free cup of lemonade, and donations totalled \$139.28. Thank you also to those in the congregation who donated \$470.00 during our worship services. Total donations were \$609.28.

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy Team will meet on Monday, July 24th, at 1:30 at the Church. All are welcome.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, July 26th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

CHURCH FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD: The Church Family bulletin board has been updated with a new look and some new photos. If you are not happy with your photo, please see Jackie and I will take a new photo. There are still a couple of photos that need updates, so if you do not see yours, please see Jackie.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Romans 8:26-39/Genesis 29:15-28

Sermon: "Family Feud"

Leader: Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God, made known in Jesus Christ.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,

Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

HYMNS #439 "In Christ There is No East or West"

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43/Genesis 28:10-22

SERMON: "Stairway to Heaven" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

SERMON RESPONSE: "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"
Jimmy Cheeks

Congregation to sing Chorus:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

I can feel His mighty power and His grace

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY

***The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN # 341** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
May the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO SIMPSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN! Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the Simpsonville Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website www.simpsonvillepres.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given by Ron & Judy Lundy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

BIBLE STORY BAGS are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Paula Ely, Sharon Flesch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jan Johnson (07/28)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Linda Marshall's mother; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Everett (sister of Donnett); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); the May family; the Ramsdell family (family of Ronnie); Hector & Susan Medina; Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Candie & Joe's daughter, Heather; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Helen Guthrie; Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.

SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of July are cereals. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.simpsonvillepres.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."